

REMARKS

5 Applicants respectfully request further examination and consideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-26 were previously pending in this application. Within the Office Action, claims 1-26 have been rejected. By the above amendments, claims 1, 18 and 23 are amended. No claims are added and no claims are canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-26 are currently pending.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

10 Claims 1-15 and 17-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0064757 to Yamadera et al. (hereinafter "Yamadera") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0072395 to Miramontes (hereinafter "Miramontes"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because neither Yamadera nor Miramontes teaches a 2-D navigational key configured as a single button including four sets of contact 15 points.

20 Within the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges that Yamadera does not teach four sets of contact points of a 2-D navigational key, where the four sets of contact points are used to select and perform an action corresponding to one of a plurality of main menu items. It appears that Miramontes is cited as teaching this limitation. Specifically, the Examiner cites the navigational buttons 4 of Miramontes as allowing the user to select options on a menu and activate various programs. The 25 Applicants respectfully disagree with this conclusion, and contend that the cited navigational buttons 4 do not teach the claimed 2-D navigation key that includes four sets of contact points.

30 Miramontes clearly teaches that the navigational buttons 4 comprise four separate buttons (Miramontes; Figure 1, paragraph 24). An arrow is provided on each navigational button, that is a first navigational button has an up arrow, a second navigational button has a down arrow, a third navigational button has a left arrow, and a fourth navigational button has a right arrow.

In contrast, the present claims are directed to a 2-D navigation key, where the 2-D navigation key includes four sets of contact points. It is well known in the art that a 2-D navigation key is a single key. However, to clarify this point and for the sake of furthering prosecution, the claims are amended 30 to clarify that the claimed 2-D navigational key is a single key.

Specifically, each of the amended independent claims 1, 18, and 23 includes the limitation "a two-dimensional navigation key configured as a single-button including four sets of contact points,

wherein the two-dimensional navigation key is configured to select and perform an action corresponding to one of a plurality of main menu items of the main menu" (emphasis added). As described above, Yamadera does not teach a 2-D navigational key including four sets of contact points configured to select and perform an action, and Miramontes does not teach a single-button 2-D navigational key. For at least these reasons, the independent claims 1, 18, and 23 are each allowable over Yamadera in view of Miramontes. Claims 2-15 and 17 are dependent upon the independent claim 1. Claims 19-22 are dependent upon the independent claim 18. Claims 24-26 are dependent upon the independent claim 23. Accordingly, claims 2-15, 17, 19-22, and 24-26 are allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, and are now in condition for allowance.

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Within the Office Action, claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamadera in view of Miramontes and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,463,304 to Smethers. Claim 16 is dependent on the independent claim 1. As discussed above, the independent claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Yamadera in view of Miramontes. Accordingly, claim 16 is allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim, and is now in condition for allowance.

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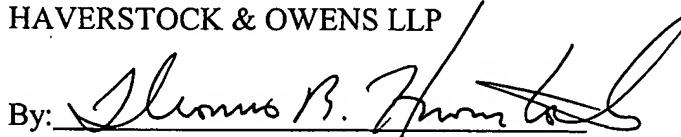
Conclusion

For the reasons given above, Applicants respectfully submit that the Claims 1-26 are in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-5 9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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